REMARKS

Summary of Claim Status

Claims 7, 10-11, 14, and 16 are pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-9, and 17-21 are rejected for the reasons discussed below. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-4, 6, 8-9, and 17-21, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 10-16 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if properly rewritten in independent form.

Claim 7 is allowed.

Applicants request the favorable reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the pending rejections and objections, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1-2, 8, 17, and 19-21 are rejected as being anticipated by Liu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,063, hereinafter Liu). Claims 1-2, 8, 17, and 19-21 are cancelled. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

Rejections Under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 3-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu. Claims 3-4 and 6 are cancelled. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

Claims 9 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu in view of Chengson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,790,612). Claims 9 and 18 are cancelled. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 10-16 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable. Applicants have amended Claims 10, 14, and 16 to include all of the limitations of Claim 8 and intervening Claim 9. Applicants have amended

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Claim 11 to include the limitations of Claim 8 and to incorporate in alternative form the limitations of Claims 12-13 and 15. Claims 12-13 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice as being redundant with amended Claim 11.

Conclusion

No new matter has been introduced by any of the above amendments. All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any action other than allowance is contemplated by the Examiner, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' agent, Lois D. Cartier, at 720-652-3733.

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